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Fact Sheet

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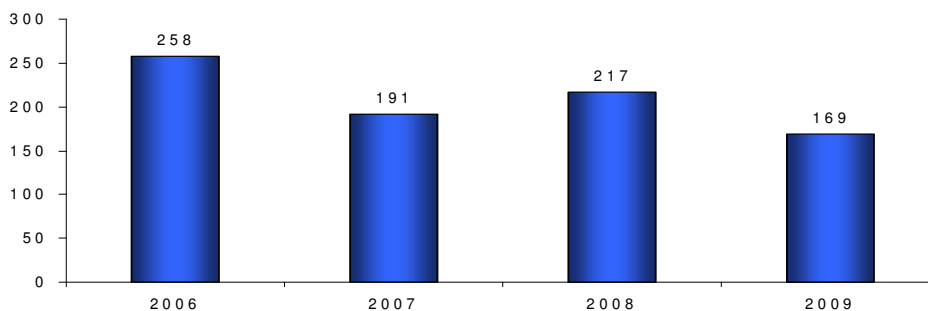*Governor*

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Wicomico County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime numbers in a quarter of a century. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 3 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Wicomico County has seen a 2.8% reduction in total crime, a 0.5% reduction in violent crime and a 3.3% reduction in property crime. In addition, there has been significant reduction in motor vehicle thefts (-34.5%), as well as reductions in robberies (-6.4%), and larceny/thefts (-6.9%) over the same 3 year period.

Wicomico County Motor Vehicle Theft Trends 2006 - 2009

Year	Thefts
2006	258
2007	191
2008	217
2009	169

WICOMICO COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention provided $2,507,949 in grant funding to Wicomico County from 2007-2009 to prevent and control crime. As a result, Wicomico County has:

- Seized or recovered 111 guns
- Made 133 gun arrests
- Prosecuted 150 gun cases prosecuted
- Arrested 163 gang members
- Entered 665 protective orders into state databases
- Conducted 2,380 sex offender compliance verifications

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Wicomico County's success.

➤ **Firearm Reduction Initiative -** The Wicomico County Sheriff's Office's Firearm Violence Reduction program assists in developing and implementing strategies intended to reduce gun related crime in Wicomico County. The program uses covert tactics to combat firearm related violence in targeted areas.

➤ **Salisbury Safe Streets -** The City of Salisbury's Safe Streets pilot program addresses high incidences of crime in the city and surrounding areas. Utilizing a security integration model of multi-agency collaboration with federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Parole and Probation, and various community partners, the Safe Streets program aggressively tracks offenders in order to reduce drug, gun, and various Part I crimes.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Safe Streets
- E-Citations
- Firearm Reduction Initiative
- Victim Outreach & Assistance
- CSAFE
- Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative
- Youth Services
- Law Enforcement Technology Enhancements
- Violent Crime Prosecution
- Geographical Information System

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➢ **Violence Prevention Initiative -** The City Of Salisbury's Church Street Violence Prevention Initiative uses violent crime reductions, increased ex-offender supervision, and crime mapping to effectively target law enforcement resources. With collaboration from the Strategic Planning HEAT and NST teams, the Lead Coordinator, Community Prosecutor, Crime Analyst, faith-based organizations, local businesses, and other community organizations, information sharing takes place, which is crucial to the development of strategies that protect the community and reduce criminal activity throughout the city.

➢ **Violent Crime Prosecution -** The Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office's Violent Crime Prosecution Support program helps reduce existing gaps in services and fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders. The program provides necessary support to reduce violent crime in Wicomico County and sustain that reduction by significantly assisting prosecutors in obtaining convictions against violent offenders.

➢ **Law Enforcement Technology Enhancement -** The Wicomico County Sheriff's Office's License Plate Recognition project enhances law enforcement efficiency and capabilities with computerized image processing technology that identifies stolen vehicles and traffic violators. Through real-time scanning of vehicle license plates, Deputy Sheriff's are able to more readily identify violators and take the appropriate action.

➢ **Youth Initiatives -** The Wicomico County Health Department's Targeting Underage Drinking program supports the enforcement of underage drinking laws in Maryland.   To achieve this goal, the program prevents and reduces alcohol use among the youth in the Wicomico County Community by strengthening collaboration among our community, both state and local governments, and law enforcement.

➢ **Geographical Information System -** The Salisbury Police Department's Crime Analysis Geographic Information System program enhances law enforcement efficiency and capabilities through the development of three specific sub-modules: an Internet-based crime mapping system, an interactive crime analysis dashboard, and an in-field GIS application for crime location data mining. The program supports crime analysis that indentifies locations, patterns, and trends of criminal activity.

➢ **Gang Resistance Initiative -** The Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office Gang Resistance Strategy creates safer neighborhoods by reducing gang-related violence and crime. A comprehensive gang strategy has been combined with the Wicomico Exile project to get these dangerous offenders off the streets and behind bars.

"Wicomico County is using a multi-faceted approach to fight crime. It uses the Violence Prevention Initiative and the Gang Resistance Initiative to aggressively pursue the most violent offenders in the county, while heightened technology helps the county map crime and reduce auto theft."

Governor Martin O'Malley